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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK LOAN ARREARAGES AND GOCAR REQUEST FOR C-130

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1. FIVE MAN DELEGATION LEAD BY BOKASSA'S ISRAELI ADVISOR JOEL BARKAN LEAVES BANGUI DECEMBER 6 TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS OF LOAN ARREARAGES AND C-130 PURCHASE WITH EXIM BANK. DELEGATION ARRIVES WASHINGTON DECEMBER 8 AND PLANS TO REMAIN FOR TEN DAYS. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE ALBERT KOUDA AND GUY BRUNO DARLAN BOTH ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO BOKASSA; JUSTIN SALAMATE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PTT AND DIEUDONNE WAZOUA, FINANCIAL DIRECTOR OF PTT.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE BOKASSA RE THESE ISSUES BECAUSE OF PROLONGED NATIONAL DAY FESTIVITIES. HE HAS, HOWEVER, FULLY BRIEFED BARKAN AND DARLAN AND HAS MADE POINTS PARAS 3 AND 4 REF (A) TO THEM. THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND SITUATION AND PLAN TO MAKE ARREARGES FOCUS OF DISCUSSION, RECOGNIZING THAT ANY FUTURE EXIM BANK ASSISTANCE DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE.

3. BARKAN HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY BOKASSA TO REVIEW CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AT DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT HE ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH AF/C DIRECTOR BUCHANAN IN THE FIRST INSTANCE. IF HE DOES ESTABLISH CONTACT,
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